

REMARKS

The present application was filed on July 25, 2003 with claims 1-23. Claims 1, 17, and 23 have been amended. Claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1 and 3-23 are pending and claims 1, 17, and 23 are the pending independent claims.

In the outstanding Office Action dated January 19, 2007, the Examiner: (i) objected to claim 23; (ii) rejected claims 1-9, 13-20 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,427,146 to Chu et al. (hereinafter “Chu”); and (iii) rejected claims 8, 10-11, and 21-22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chu in view of U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0078406 to Kondoh et al. (hereinafter “Kondoh”).

In regard to the objection of claim 23, Applicants have amended the claim as suggested by Examiner to alleviate any confusion. Claim 23 now recites “a machine readable storage medium.” Support for this amendment can be found on page 16, lines 15-18 of the Specification.

In regard to the rejection of claims 1-9, 13-20, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated over Chu, Applicants have amended claims 1, 17, and 23 to clarify the subject matter of such claims. Independent claims 1, 17, and 23 now recite “wherein the past messages contain management information for at least one of a network, an application, and a system being analyzed.” Support for these amendments can be found on page 2, ln. 4-12, page 3, ln. 24-27, and page 4, ln. 1-7 of the Specification. Applicants respectfully assert that these amendments adequately distinguish the claims from Chu.

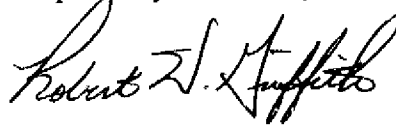
Chu fails to disclose a method of constructing one or more message parsing rules in accordance with a user and a machine, comprising the step of obtaining message data representing past messages, wherein the past messages contain management information for at least one of a network, an application, and a system being analyzed as recited in claim 1. Chu discloses a method of converting high level “English-like” rules into low level rules. *See* Chu, col. 1, ln. 50-65. Please see examples found at Chu, col. 4, ln. 52-67; col. 5, ln. 13-26; col. 5, ln. 33-47; col. 6, ln. 18-30. Unlike Chu, the claims recite a method of generating one or more message parsing rules from message data, which contains management information for at least one of a network, an application, and a system being analyzed. For at least these reasons, independent claims 1, 17, and 23 are not

anticipated by Chu. It follows that dependent claims 3-9, 13-16, and 18-20 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency on independent claims 1 and 17. Dependent claims 2-9, 13-16, and 18-20 also recite patentable subject matter in their own right. Dependent claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the §102(e) rejection of claims 1-9, 13-20, and 23.

In regard to the rejection of claims 8, 10, 11, and 21-22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chu in view of Kondoh, Applicants respectfully assert that under 35 U.S.C. §103(c), Kondoh cannot be used to preclude patentability of the claims. Applicants' claims and Kondoh were, at the time the Applicants' claims were made, subject to an obligation of assignment, to International Business Machines Corporation. *See* Kondoh, Reel/Frame: 012354/0489. Accordingly, withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection of claims 8, 10, 11, and 21-22 is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, Applicants believe that claims 1 and 3-23 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request withdrawal of the §102(e), and §103(a) rejections.

Respectfully submitted,



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